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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Wall Street Journal Op-Ed Piece

The Wall Street Journal has come back with several questions about your Up-Ed piece:

- o In the last sentence of the third paragraph, The Wall Street Journal Editor is suggesting inserting "by the West" after "any direct response".
- o In the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, he would like to change the tense from present to past to conform with other bullets.
- o In the second sentence of the first paragraph (Page 2), the Editor believes the readers will question the statement in view of Cuba. I have discussed with Bob Gates -- he suggests inserting "except for the survival of the Castro regime" set off by dashes to be inserted after "without major successes".
- o In the fifth bullet under that first paragraph on Page 2, the Editor suggested "U.S. resistance" in place of "U.S. assistance". Bob Gates and I agree U.S. "support of the elected government" would be preferable.
- o In the last sentence in the paragraph at the top of Page 3, the Editor would like to use "foreign and economic assistance" to get rid of "FMS" which would give the reader problems in understanding.

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